1	2	3	4
14.	Punjab	4	2
15.	Rajasthan	3	1
16.	Tamil Nadu	25	16
17.	Uttaranchal	3	-
18.	Uttar Pradesh	8	3
19.	West Bengal	7	1
	TOTAL:	234	101

Employment by the coffee sector

3682. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coffee sector provided employment to over six lakh people;

(b) if so, the details thereof, gender-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to introduce coffee in the non-traditional areas in some parts of the country, by value addition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Coffee plantations provide direct employment to about 5.78 lakh people across the country. In addition, it is estimated that equal number of workers are employed in the coffee sector indirectly. The State-wise details in this regard are as follows:

State	Persons employed (as in 2005-06) (approx.)
Karnataka	4,67,227
Kerala	43,360
Tamil Nadu	26,960
Non-Traditional Areas	40,707
TOTAL:	5,78,245

Accurate gender-wise details of employment in the coffee plantations are not readily available. However, it is estimated that about 60% persons employed in the coffee plantations are women.

(c) The Government has been implementing various plan schemes and extending development and technical support for coffee development activities with special focus on planting and quality up-gradation (Value addition) in the non-traditional areas, such as Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and States of North East Region.

Adverse effect of duty free import of edible-oil from Nepal

†3683. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of revenue due to duty free import of edible oil from Nepal;

(b) the number of vegetable oil/rapeseed oil units in the country in the year 2003-04 and the number of units, out of those, which have closed down during the past years;

(c) the reasons for closure of these oil/rapeseed oil units, and whether their condition deteriorated and they became sick due to import of oil from Nepal; and

(d) the scheme of the Government for revival of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) In the edible oil category, only vanaspati is imported from Nepal into India and its duty-free import is restricted to one lakh metric tones per year. Since this import is under the provision of India-Nepal Treaty of Trade, the question of revenue loss does not arise.

(b) Details of vanaspati units in the country, working and closed, are given below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.